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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR FIRST EXCHANGE WITH IRISH FOREIGN OFFICE IN CONTEXT OF US-EC CONSULTATIONS. IN PRE-SENTING POINTS BELOW, EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT DISCUSSION CONTINUES DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY BEGUN EARLIER AND SHOULD ASK IRISH TO CONVEY INFORMATION SET FORTH BELOW TO ITS PARTNERS IN THE NINE.

2. TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED IRISH COOPERATION, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DRAW UPON KEATING-HARTMAN EXCHANGE (ESPECIALLY PARAGRAPH 3 OF STATE 5878) NOTING OUR SATISFACTION WITH
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KEATING'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY

DUBLIN. MORE DETAILED MEMCON FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

3. CSCE. AS IRISH MAY ALREADY BE AWARE, ALLIES PLAN TO HOLD NAC MEETING IN BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 7, ATTENDED BY HEADS OF DELEGATION FROM GENEVA, TO COORDINATE POSITIONS EARLY IN FORTHCOMING ROUND OF TALKS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NINE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING CSCE IN VARIOUS POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETINGS IN JANUARY AND WOULD APPRECIATE

HAVING TIMELY DEBRIEFINGS FROM THE IRISH ON DISCUSSIONS OF CSCE AMONG THE NINE.

4. US AID TO PORTUGAL. DEPARTMENT IS REPEATING TO DUBLIN STATE 278975 WHICH INFORMED THE NINE OF GENERAL OUTLINES OF US ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PORTUGAL ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 13. WE ARE ALSO REPEATING STATE 003619 AND LISBON 153 WHICH UPDATE STATE OF PLAY ON THIS ISSUE. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM THE IRISH THAT WE WILL BE MOVING ASAP AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI TO COMMIT ONE MILLION DOLLAR AID PACKAGE OF PROJECTS ENUMERATED IN STATE 00619 WHICH COULD HAVE IMMEDIATE IMPACT. (EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT, HOWEVER, MENTION PARAGRAPH 7A OF STATE 003619 DEALING WITH MOBILE HEALTH UNITS AND SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE IS STILL TENTATIVE.) WITH SPECIFIC REGARD TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, THE US IS PLEASED THAT COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING UP ON PRO-PORTUGUESE STATEMENTS MADE AT THE NINTH ROUND OF THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS WITH PLANS TO USE HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LISBON TO UNDERSCORE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EC MAY BE PLANNING TO USE THAT OCCASION AND SUBSEQUENT OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE THE PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO PORTUGUESE REQUESTS FOR 1) ACCESS TO THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK, 2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT FOR PORTUGUESE "GUEST" WORKERS, 3) IMPROVED EC MARKET ACCESS FOR KEY PORTUGUESE EXPORTS, AND 4) DEFERRED DISMANTLING UNDER EC-PORTUGAL TA SCHEDULE OF PROTECTIVE TARIFFS FOR PORTUGUESE INDUSTRY.

5. EC-IRAN. YOU SHOULD TELL THE IRISH THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE EC MIGHT
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AGREE TO A PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH IRAN. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE REPRESENTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, TEHRAN, BRUSSELS AND MEMBER STATE CAPITALS, EMPHASIZING THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD SERIOUSLY CONFLICT WITH OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES IN THE MTN, WITH THE NEED FOR CONSUMER SOLIDARITY TOWARD THE OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, AND WITH THE CASEY/SOAMES UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC ON THE EXTENSION OF EC PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS TO NEW

COUNTRIES. YOU MAY ADD THAT WE, OF COURSE, UNDERSTAND AND WELCOME THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IN CEMENTING ITS RELATIONS WITH IRAN, BUT WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE GSP PROGRAM, THE MTN AND OTHER NON-PREFERENTIAL COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS COULD SERVE THIS PURPOSE.

6. SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE MTNS. YOU MAY INDICATE APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT PASSED ON BY THE IRISH MISSION IN GENEVA (GENEVA 41), STATING THAT

WE EXPECT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION WITH THE IRISH FURTHER IN NEAR FUTURE.

7. CYPRUS TALKS. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS RE US POSITION ON OPENING OF POLITICAL TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES ON CYPRUS.

-- WE ARE PLEASED BY THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT IN NICOSIA THAT SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL TALKS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES WOULD BEGIN ON JANUARY 14. FROM THE OUTSET OF THE CRISIS WE HAVE STRESSED THE NEED TO GET POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY AND WE THEREFORE REGARD THIS AS AN IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD BE CARRIED ON AT AN ACCELERATED PACE AND THAT WITH IMAGINATION, FLEXIBILITY, AND GOODWILL THE PARTIES ARE CLEARLY NOW IN A POSITION TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

-- DURING THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS AND ELSEWHERE, WE PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN TRYING TO GET THESE TALKS LAUNCHED. WE HAVE NO AMERICAN PLAN OR PREFERRED
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SOLUTION FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN HELPING THE PARTIES TO RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

-- RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES ON CYPRUS WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE COMING MONTHS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UN/UNHCR WILL BE MAKING A NEW APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN

THE NEAR FUTURE. ACCORDINGLY, THE US WILL BE MAKING A NEW CONTRIBUTION TO RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN CYPRUS AND WE HOPE THAT THE EC AND ITS MEMBER STATES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO RESPOND GENEROUSLY. KISSINGER

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